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Question Box

NOTE: All questions addressed to "The Question Box" must be signed if they are to receive a reply. However, names will be withheld from publication if requested. Only the questions considered of general interest will be answered in the EVANGEL.

QUESTION: Please explain Genesis 4:16, 17, especially who Cain's wife was.

This Scripture reads as follows: "And Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch."

This refers to the time that Cain was placed under a curse for slaying Abel and was driven from his home into a strange land. Notice that the Scripture does not say that Cain married a wife after he reached Nod—there were probably no people there until he arrived. He had probably married sometime earlier and took his wife with him into Nod. That, however, is not important, for Cain could have been in Nod a very long time before his son was born, since the Bible does not often mention the great passage of time in those early days. What we can know is that Cain married either his sister or some near relative. In Genesis 3:20 it is stated that Eve "was the mother of all living." In Genesis 5:4 it is stated that "sons and daughters" were born to Adam and Eve. We know the names of none of the daughters and only three of the sons—Cain, Abel, and Seth. The only possibility is that the sons and daughters inter-married, then the nieces and nephews, and so on, until the world was populated. Cain's wife had to be his sister, niece, or other near relative, probably before he went to Nod.

QUESTION: According to Acts 2:47, does God add sinners to the Church? Also, does the word "church" in this Scripture refer to a building or a congregation of people?—Joe Holcomb, St. Charles, Virginia.

GOD ADDED TO THE church those who came to Him through Christ. Daily souls were saved, so daily souls were added to the church. The word church refers to the congregation, not the building. It comes from the Greek *ekklesia*, which means "called out ones"—that is, persons called into the life of Jesus Christ. In the Scriptures the word "church" is always so, but in common usage men came to refer to the building as "church," since it is there that the "called out ones" meet for worship. The word "Church," referring to the building, comes from the Late Greek *kuriakon*, which means "Lord's house."



The Tennessee State Ministers' Meeting will convene September 13, 14, at the Missionary Ridge Church of God in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The opening service will be on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., and the business session Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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COVER PICTURE—A. Devaney

This skyline of New York City shows the might and the splendor of man's achievement. Yet God has said that the wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God (Psalm 9:17). The Church of God should feel a challenge to reach the masses of every city with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Unless they are taught to recognize his mercy the cities of the nation must one day fall by his judgment (Revelation 16:19).

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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
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4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saint's feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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Spiritual Depth

And when the hour was fully come, hundreds of people throughout the state of Tennessee (and other states as well) came together with great joy, fellowship, and true spiritual worship as the Tennessee Camp Meeting of the Churches of God assembled under the large tabernacle located on the 37-acre wooded campgrounds 5 miles East of Chattanooga on highway 11. This bond of Christain fellowship became fully known as the opening hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung; our spirits, minds, and physical efforts were solidified for exaltation of Christ, His Church, and the salvation of the lost.

It was a week of spiritual rejoicing, filling, and formation for all who attended. The writer did not hear one dissenting voice. The things that were said, the things that were seen, and the things that were felt were of Godly origin and shall serve as weapons of defense for another year of progress in our churches. Surely all these blessings and benefits were results of the all-night prayer meetings held at the camp grounds on each Friday night during the month of June by the ministers and laity without driving distance. And too, many pastors and churches of farther distance joined in these all-night prayer meetings in their homes and churches.

Results are the ends of all efforts. And there were great results in this camp meeting. Christ was the center of exaltation. The choir, special singers, and musicians sang and played the most beautiful, joyful, meaningful, and powerful messages in song to His name that ever accompanied a Church of God camp meeting. The ministers and their messages were centered on Christ, and through divine unction, were powerful in deliverance. The concern of every layman was to join the officials and ministers in divine worship of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords as their shouts of praises rang and vibrated the metal roofing with "glory," "hallelujah" and "amens." The Church of God was made a divine agent, appointed of God, through which the gospel message of deliverance from sin and sickness is brought to man. Man is an instrument of righteousness used by God to glorify Christ and to convince others of His saving grace, cleansing power, and infilling of His Holy Spirit. Thus it can be understood that many sinners were saved, backsliders restored, and those that were weak were made strong. Accurate accounts of the number of those saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and healed, lost significance in the waves of spiritual blessing which flowed up and down the altars. It is known that large numbers received these experiences each night. People received the Holy Ghost from one end of the altar to the other. God recorded the numbers while we joined the angels in shouting over the victories won. Reports came from each service that two, eight, thirteen, etc. had received the Holy Ghost the night before, and each night the reports got better.

Numbers and figures did not entirely lose their sig-

nificance and meaning. Everyone was amazed at the overflow crowds. This was only the second year at our new campground and in our new tabernacle, which is reported to seat more people than any other tabernacle in our movement. Many hundreds of people could not find places to sit. It was estimated that between 4500 and 5000 attended on Saturday and Sunday nights.

Our abilities and desires to give and worship God with our finance found depth and meaning in this great camp meeting. Everyone gave and shared alike in true worship, void of personal praise and an individual display of giving. God spoke and we gave. Camp meeting expenses were met. And through our tears and burdens for the lost everywhere, our churches and those present gave \$27,630.70 for missions. For this we are grateful, and we thank God. This amount represents only that which was received at the camp meeting and does not include the district missions offerings nor the 5 per cent missions offerings. In response to our duty, our love, and our concern for those in our Church of God Home for Children, our offering for the orphanage work amounted to \$3,645.94. This of course includes neither the special offering at the churches and districts, nor the orphanage offering each Sunday morning. For these accomplishments may God be praised and the people of Tennessee be congratulated!

It seems only proper and fitting that one should express the appreciation of the ministers and laity of Tennessee for the great work done by our esteemed State Overseer, Brother W. E. Johnson, and our energetic Youth Director, Brother Fred Jernigan. These brethren have endeared themselves to the hearts and lives of all Tennesseans because of their leadership, love, concern, understanding, and untiring efforts for our good and the good of our churches. The records reveal the growth, progress, and quality of their leadership. Tennessee is proud of them and their accomplishments.

To highlight the Tennessee Camp Meeting it would be necessary to recall and give a review of the personalities and spiritual revelations of each service, for truly each service was a highlight within itself. Space will not permit such a review. None shall forget the dynamic messages of salvation delivered each evening by our National Sunday School and Youth Director, Ray H. Hughes. His messages were positive, powerful, and pointed—full of heart and soul. Souls were his aim; souls were his gain.

It has been said that "not everyone likes history." There must be an exception to all rules and statements, for everyone attending the morning services could hardly wait for the hour to arrive to hear Brother Charles W. Conn, Editor-in-Chief of Church of God Publications, and author of *Like a Mighty Army* unveil our own Church history in a manner that created unusual enthusiasm, interest, and breath-taking awe. We were made

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Molding for Tomorrow

By Mrs. F. W. Goff

ALL ABOUT US ARE lessons of eternal value. We do not have to travel to some distant land to learn. On our window sill the small sparrow teaches us the divine care of our Heavenly father. The seed planted at our doorstep speaks of the glorious resurrection. If we but keep our hearts open and susceptible we will see the deep things of God unfold in the simple things before our eyes.

God used a star to lead the wise men to Bethlehem. The unlearned fishermen were told how they were to become fishers of men. In the Old Testament we read how the Word of the Lord came to Jeremiah—"Arise and go down to the potter's house and there I will cause thee to hear my words." In the fullest sense of the Scriptures God was impressing on Jeremiah the condition of the Jewish nation, but it is an apt illustration of God and the human family.

Each individual is as clay in the hands of the potter. There is a need to work carefully and rapidly while the clay is moist and plastic.

Our home is God's workshop. In it he has placed children and has granted to every father and mother the opportunity of working with him in molding their lives. Only

in realizing our dependence upon God and our deep need of trusting in Him will we be able to mold and fashion these young lives into "vessels unto honor, sanctified and meet for the master's use."

The rearing of children entails serious obligations for the parents. We cannot evade the responsibility. We are to teach, first of all, by example. Letting God live in us, direct our steps, and speak through us words of love and kindness, is a sure way of building a solid foundation for a Christian home. It has been estimated that one fifth of a person's lifetime is spent in the home almost exclusively under the parents' jurisdiction. During this period we are commanded by God to teach and train our children in the way they should go. Not only at the family altar or at a set time of devotions but also, Moses declares, God's laws should permeate our whole life and blend with all of our duties. As he exhorted the children of Israel to keep God's statutes and commandments he said, "And these words, which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

In every way possible we are to convey the Word to their hearts. If we love God's Word and esteem it more necessary than our daily food, then, it will invariably be in our conversations.

The eager inquisitiveness of children opens the way to inculcate upon them the necessity of loving God with the whole heart. God never frowns upon reverent inquiry. We are to teach not only what God requires but also why He requires it.

The Sunday School is a needed institution and has proved a blessing to countless numbers of children. The Y.P.E. holds an important place in the training of our youth. But, primarily, the religious education of our children rests in the parents. The most precious legacy we can leave our children is a thoroughly sound Christian education.

Let us not wait until our children have gone out into the world and become hardened as the clay that has gone through the furnace. Let us work with haste while they are around our knee, doing our part in the molding of lives for tomorrow.

The Psalmist declares—"The wicked shall not live out half their days but a full life is a reward of an obedient child."

*"I took a piece of plastic clay,
And idly fashioned it one day;
And as my fingers pressed it, still,
It moved and yielded to my will.*

*"I came again when days were past,
The bit of clay was hard at last;
The form I gave it still it bore,
But I could change that form no more.*

*"I took a piece of living clay
And gently formed it day by day;
And molded with my power and art,
A young child's soft and yielding heart.*

*"I came again when years were gone,
It was a man I looked upon;
He still that early impress wore,
And I could change him nevermore."*

"As the Moon"

By E. Lamar McDaniel

Text: Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

CHRIST HAS ENJOINED his disciples with a great responsibility, namely, to let their lights shine. In John 9:5 we read the words of Jesus, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Then we find him saying in Matthew 5:14, "Ye are the light of the world, a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." Perhaps we can come to a clearer realization of these words as we consider the thought "as the Moon" in connection with letting our lights shine.

The moon is a member of the solar system, and has a degree of glory. Paul said "There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory." 1 Corinthians 15:41. The moon plays a great part in the role of the universe. There is a correlation between the moon and the various seasons, tidal waves, et cetera. There are, however, some pagan beliefs concerning the moon that arise from superstition. Nevertheless, these follies do not detract from the glory and benefit of the moon. The Creator called this queen of the night into her orbit and assigned to her duties before man was ever created from the dust of the earth, and God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and he became a living soul.

It was on the fourth day of the creation that the Master said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night . . . And God set them in the firmament of heaven to give light upon the earth. Gen. 1:14, 16, 17. The moon took up her responsibilities on the fourth day and man came into being on the sixth. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him."

All of us have been made to appreciate the moon, especially in our youth. Her shining face smiles brightly upon Mother Earth by night. But, the moon has no light of her own. Scientists have discovered that her brightness is nothing more than reflections from the sun. Though the moon has no light of her own, yet she has the blest ability to reflect the light of the "greater light," the sun. This unusual ability gives the queen of the night her shining glory.

So it is with the Christian. The Scripture pictures us as natural men, or sinners, with no goodness within ourselves, but when we are cleansed in the precious blood of the Lamb, we are then qualified to glow, or reflect the glory of the Greater Light, Jesus Christ. We have no light of our own since we are natural, fleshly, and human. We are the creature, not the Creator.

Then are we in darkness? NO! "Ye are the children of light, of the day, walk not in darkness." Since we have no

light of our own, as the moon, we are only capable of reflecting light. We have light, of course, but our light comes from the Greater Light, the Son of God, the Sun of Righteousness.

Let us consider these two great lights as we look heavenward. They are typical of Christ and his people. The sun speaks to us of "the Sun of Righteousness." Malachi 4:2, "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall." The moon which typifies Israel, and the Church, (Revelation 12:1) borrows its light from, and reflects the light of the sun. These celestial bodies were assigned to "give light unto the earth." So is our commission as Christians. We are told: "Ye are the light of the world . . . let your light so shine."

PAUL SAID IN Romans 13:12, "The night is far spent and the day is at hand." We are conscious of the terrible darkness of the spiritual night that hovers about us. It is during this time that we must let our lights shine brightly. "The day is at hand." With an eye of faith we can already see the breaking of day. Soon the "Sun" (Son of God) will arise in a glorious new millennial day of a thousand years' reign.

We are His witnesses or His reflectors. As long as there is nothing between us and our Saviour, we radiantly reflect His glory and "give light unto the earth." There is an occurrence known as the eclipse of the moon. "When the moon moves through the shadow of the earth it loses its bright direct illumination by the sun, although its disk still remains faintly visible. This phenomenon is called an eclipse of the moon." (Enc. Britannica Vol. 7, pp. 909). Thus when the earth passes between the sun and moon, it cuts off the rays of the sun and the moon is for a time, unable to reflect its light properly.

A SPIRITUAL ECLIPSE—When a foreign object or matter comes between us and the Saviour, the source of our light, it cuts off our Christ-like reflections. Then we fail to let our lights shine. During this period we fail to be "a light unto the world." Surely, many, so called, Christians are living in a state of spiritual eclipse. Something has come between them and Christ and has cut off the reflections of His glory. Since this individual has no light of his own, and is obscure from the light of His glory, he abides in spiritual gloom and darkness—dwelling in the shadows. Just as the moon becomes darkened when it fails to reflect the light of the sun, so do we, as typical of the moon, become dark when we fail to reflect the light of the Son.

If you are living in a spiritual eclipse, may God help you to pass from the shadows of the obstacle and begin to reflect His full glory in your lives. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." He has left you here to be "the light of the world."

ARKANSAS...

CAMP MEETING

THERE ARE TIMES when words are inadequate to express what is really meant; especially when there is a need for something unusual in the description of something so important as this Arkansas Camp Meeting which has just gone down indelibly in the annals of history.

With its going, its memory as a great camp meeting will long live. It was outstanding for its well-rounded program in every department.

I sat throughout the camp meeting with no end of amazement or intrigue. The programs were exceptionally well arranged and the management was at its best. The finances of the camp meeting were far above normal in that no one was embarrassed with the offerings. God met the needs, and everyone was very well pleased.

EVANGELISTIC EMPHASIS

Cecil B. Knight, the evening speaker, seemed to be at his very best. Even though he was not the regularly scheduled speaker, he filled the job as a master would. Brother Knight gave way to the Holy Ghost every night. The Holy Ghost took over early in the message two nights. On the other nights the Holy Ghost seemed to freight his words with conviction. One night over 90 were in the altar. It was impossible to count the seekers every night. Also, it was impossible to know how many were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Many of the pioneers in Arkansas said the altar services exceeded any the state had ever known in any camp meeting.

Brother Knight has endeared himself to the people of Arkansas. His attitude was humble and his messages were powerful. His personality was wonderful and his smile was thrilling. His preaching from his first message on "Power From on High" to the last one, "Ye Have Not Passed This Way Before," will be remembered long. Every message was impressive and convicting.

DAY SERVICES

The writer had the first morning service, which was set aside for healing. Reports of the many who testified to being healed during that service and of others who were healed throughout the meeting were gratifying.

The healing service on Tuesday morning started what was reported to be the greatest day services in the history of Arkansas camps. There were interesting messages

delivered by several of the state ministers. They were all thrilling and to the point. I should like to take time to tell about each one of them, but time will not permit it. I should not want to mention without giving space for each one, for each speaker was equally eligible for honorable mention. It did not appear that one of the state ministers excelled another, for each preached as anointed by the Holy Ghost.

There were several out-of-state ministers present with us. Let me mention some of them.

T. A. Perkins, the overseer of Oklahoma, gave us a sermon on "The Master's Hands," which will be remembered long. The Lord honored the message with His wonderful presence and anointing. Brother Perkins blessed our hearts by his preaching, as he always does. Arkansas welcomes him back at any time.

B. E. Ellis, overseer of Missouri, was present with his part of the program well filled. He sang two songs and gave us a message on "Revival Evangelism." The experiences he told along with his message did for his message what seasonings do for cooking. His message was a challenge to all of us.

Ranking foremost in honorable mention was the visit of the General Overseer, Zeno C. Tharp. Again Brother Tharp was at his very best with the message on "Revival Evangelism." He started where Brother Ellis left off. His next message was one that really was directed to the ministers. It offered encouragement to the ones discouraged. Brother Tharp did not announce his subject but his text was Ephesians 3:20, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." Too much could not be said regarding Brother Tharp's ministry. Often we give place of mention to our general officials for the sake of the office they hold, and that is as it should be. However, in this case, Brother Tharp did not place himself in a limelight, but he placed himself on a level where all the men felt that he was more than an overseer—one of them as well as their overseer. I think the spirit manifested in the services at the times Brother Tharp preached could better describe the feelings of respect and gratitude for his ministry than a few penned words. I think anyone can well see why it could be said this camp meeting has meant more to Arkansas than any other has ever meant.

GOVERNOR'S VISIT

The Honorable Orval E. Faubus, governor of Arkansas, graced the camp meeting on the second night. He was introduced by his secretary, Mr. Sikes. Mr. Faubus' speech was one that thrilled all of us. It could be said, and well said at that, Mr. Faubus made us all feel at ease around him. His entrance into the meeting was a very simple one. Had anyone not known that he was the governor, he would have thought he was only a visitor along with the other hundreds present that night. Several shook hands with the governor before they knew who he was. His speech of 35 minutes displaced any uncomfortable feeling which anyone might have had toward a real Pentecostal service. The Governor stayed for the entire service. He stood when we stood; he sang when we sang; he clapped his hands when we did; he prayed when we prayed; he raised his hands when we raised our hands: All in all he seemed to enjoy the service very much. Brother Knight spoke with great conviction that night. When the altar call was given, the governor shook hands with him and complimented him very highly for his message.

MUSIC

No camp meeting would be a success without the music. Such is the case with the Arkansas Camp this year. There were probably thirty-five special singers who graced the services with their fine singing. The musicians were also on hand at every need, and they rendered superb music. All are to be congratulated very much for their part in the success of the services.

ATTENDANCE

An actual count was made by the traffic committee and the watchman committee, and it was found that on at least three nights, the attendance was far over half of the entire state membership. The state tabernacle at Bald Knob was lengthened 40 additional feet; yet this addition was by no means adequate to take care of the crowds. The committee reported there was more than half of the attendance on the outside of the 100-by-60-foot tabernacle. Everyone was thrilled at the new rostrum of the tabernacle which is certainly a credit to the edifice.

YOUTH SERVICE

LaVern Holt, the state Sunday School and youth director, had a well-planned program throughout Youth Day. There was a wedding of Miss Lighted Pathway to Mr. Evangel. It was very impressive. The entire day was filled with well-delivered messages. O. W. Polen, Assistant National Sunday School and Youth Director, delivered a very timely youth-centered message on "The Right Beginning but the Wrong Ending." He used King Asa of the Old Testament as an example in his message. To say the day was enjoyable would be failing to give it proper emphasis. It was not only entertaining, but it was also spiritual.

L.W.W.B.

The Ladies' Willing Workers' program was under the direction of Mrs. G. W. Hodges, State President, who had a well-prepared program outlined. The Willing Workers in the state have contributed much to the success of the churches. Sister McDowell, of West Helena, brought a wonderful message from the Word, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

MISSION SERVICE

Sunday morning found everyone eager for the service and disappointed that such a fine week was drawing to a close. There were the reports of the state secretary, Brother M. C. Luallen. We did not realize the state of Arkansas had made the progress it has until we heard the report. Reporting is very dull and uninteresting to most people, but it appeared there was a different attitude among our people. For all the successes of the state we thank God. Brother Hodges, the convivial and congenial state overseer, has added so much to the attitude of the ministers of the state. He is very dearly loved and appreciated by all the men. Their fellowship with him is certainly evident. They hold him in very high esteem. He has been an admirable state overseer. Though this account is not a report of an individual, the camp meeting would not have been what it was without the thorough preparedness of this man of God.

Brother Johnny Owens, one of our finer men, and one greatly used of God for the work of Missions, was on hand with some stirring remarks in his very fine message on "Missions." An offering was raised, which was very well received and given. The latest figures were not available to this reporter before making this report. Not only were people contributing money for the cause, but

COLORADO... CAMP MEETING

Colorado had a victorious camp meeting at the beautiful Methodist Campground in Palmer Lake, Colorado. God met with us from the very first meeting until the last "amen" was given. This was a camp meeting that will stay in our hearts until Jesus comes. We were privileged to have Brother Diffie of Phoenix, Arizona, as our evening speaker. He preached under the anointing of God, and during the six days 21 were saved, 5 sanctified, and 5 filled with the Holy Ghost.

We were also privileged to have Brother James A. Cross, our Assistant General Overseer; Brother and Sister Vaught, from the Bible School in Minot, North Dakota; Brother William Dobbins, the Youth Director of New Mexico; Brother Dennis, State Overseer of New Mexico, and his wife; Brother Carroll, President of Lee College, and his family; Brother Vessie D. Hargrave, our Spanish Missions Representative, and his wife and son; and many others who we were happy to have with us from out of the state.

Colorado feels very fortunate to have Brother A. G. Thompson as our State Overseer. The state is growing and we expect to see much more progress during the coming year. Truly, we all appreciate Brother and Sister Thompson and their family.—Miss Ruth Elliott.

people were dedicating themselves for this worthy cause. This service surely must have been one of the highlights, regardless of anyone's personal interests. Brother Owens has always blessed our hearts with his messages, for we know he is a man devoted to his calling and his calling is from God. His very life seems to breathe missions. His way is inspiring to anyone. God surely ordained the service that morning. People opened their hearts to God to let God speak to them and then they obeyed God's voice.

CONCLUSION

Congratulations are in order for every part of the work that made the 1955 Arkansas Camp Meeting the success that it was. This reporter was admittedly benefited by the meeting, but to confirm his feelings by others, he asked several what their honest feelings were. One report I received from one of the older ministers in the state who has attended many meetings before represented the voice of all. Although words of others varied a little, all spoke the same sentiments as this report. It reads: "I have attended many Arkansas Camp Meetings during the years, and I feel this is the greatest spiritual camp meeting yet. I feel every minister was at his very best."

Every Committee, song leader, and director, as well as every other laborer, is to be congratulated for his fine work in making Arkansas' 1955 Camp Meeting one of the greatest, if not the greatest, yet.—Amos A. Ledford, Reporter.



"We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day." Ephesians 6:12, 13.

WRITES Honorable Ernest Manning Premier, of Alberta, Canada: "The world is now passing through a period of unrest and confusion unparalleled in modern history . . . What is the matter with the world? Why all this unrest, fear and strife? . . . Whether we recognize it or not a conflict more deadly than a war of bullets and bombs is going on—an epidemic more killing than the bubonic plague. It is a real, literal, widespread and perfectly organized campaign against God and His way of truth—a war between the forces of evil and the great God of Heaven . . . Students of prophecy see the stage being set for Satan's great effort to bring his age-long battle to a triumphant conclusion. Governments are groping; ecumenical movements that are without *the faith* are growing, Israel is preparing, and for what?—to hand power to Satan's masterpiece, the Antichrist, who will deceive multitudes . . . The informed Christian knows what is wrong with the world; he knows that Satan is no myth; and he knows, too, that his Lord is the triumphant Victor."

War is infiltrating the world. It is in the air, among peoples, within governments and in the hearts of individuals. War is in the home, in the state, and even in the church. Man against God and man against man. Peace is departing from the earth.

Paul's admonition to "put on the whole armor of God" is most timely in our day. To put on the armor means putting off the old man and his deeds, or his "duds" as one has significantly said, and to put on the Lord Jesus Christ. In his prayer life the Christian must prepare for warfare against principalities and powers and spirits of darkness in heavenly places. The battle must be won in the spirit before it can be won on earth. In the exercise of prayer the whole being comes under discipline if he is to be a victorious soldier of the Cross. The mind, the heart, and the body come under the white light of the Holy Spirit until the mind is renewed, the heart's affections purified and the appetites sanctified—until God's will is first in all activities and all desires are under His control.

In Deuteronomy 20, Moses lays down laws of warfare

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for the warriors of Israel. These laws are, in effect, a type of those which govern the New Testament saint who puts on the whole armor of God as he puts off the old man and his "duds." They touch the whole being in spirit, soul and body in his emotions, and desires and test his sincerity of faith in God.

"When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies and seest horses and chariots and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the Lord thy God is with thee, . . . when ye are come nigh unto the battle . . . the priest shall approach and speak unto the people and shall say unto them; Hear O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle . . . let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them; for the Lord your God is he that goeth with you to fight for you against your enemies to save you."

The priests, the representatives of God, conveyed His Word to the people for their spiritual equipment for war. In the New Testament language they spoke the words of Paul: "Be strengthened with all might by His Spirit in the inner man." "He hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of love and power and a disciplined mind." When fear fills the heart, faith cannot work; and defeat is certain. Fear is Satan's most powerful weapon yet it is so much a part of our natural make up that we neither discern it as such, nor do we know how deep are its depths within us. We fear so many things and expect calamities, most of which never overtake us. We fear sickness, poverty, old age, loss of dear ones and many other nameless fears that beset the soul of the pilgrim who has not learned how to put off all his old "duds."

A sister who is a prominent and zealous worker in the Lord's field was stricken with internal cancer. It had reached an incurable state and her heart was filled with fear. Friends everywhere were praying for her. While lying on her bed one day she became aware of the presence of the Lord filling her room. He spoke and said: "Are not my ways equal?" "Yes Lord." Then across the wall in great golden letters appeared the words: FEAR—CANCER. "*Fear* and *faith* both begin with F." The words were changed and *Fear* became *Faith*. "*Cancer* and *Christ* both begin with C." Then *Cancer* became *Christ*. At once all fear vanished and perfect healing resulted. "Perfect love casteth out (all) fear."

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SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES must be followed by an adjustment of the natural life. If our spirituality does not correct and govern our every day walk it is of no value. It has neither testimony with men nor power with God against the enemy.

"And the officers shall speak unto the people saying, What man is there that hath built a new house and hath not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house lest he die in battle and another man dedicate it." In other words, "Put your business affairs in God's hands. See that you owe no man anything and that your relationships are all honest and true."

"And what man is he that hath planted a vineyard and hath not yet eaten of it? Let him also go and return unto his house lest he die in battle and another man eat of it." Has your life borne fruit since your conversion? Has the fruit of the Spirit been flourishing that all may see the change in your spirit? Have you brought any souls to the Lord? If you have not you are of no use in the battle. You can have no power over the enemy. You may as well go home and put on the armor God has provided for His warriors. Often our zeal for winning souls is far more evident than the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. One young missionary became discouraged over his inability to win the natives to Christ. Then he saw that he lacked the precious fruit that alone could attract a soul to God. He sought the Lord for the fruit of the Spirit and began to see a change in the attitude of the people. Love, joy and peace made the approach to their hearts easy as they felt the love of Christ in him.

"And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife and hath not taken her? Let him go and return unto his house lest he die in the battle and another man take her." In Israel a betrothed man was given a year's exemption from service that he might stay at home "and cheer his wife." Otherwise, he would have been unsettled and unfitted for warfare. The would-be disciple who wanted to follow Jesus said, "Let me first bury my father." Another said, "Let me bid farewell to my family." It is plainly seen that God's call was not the first thing in their hearts, but affection for their relatives had first place. They were unfit to be disciples. How many who have professed a call to the mission field have failed in this test! The affections of the heart overcame the call of God. He was given sec-

ond place and His power departed from their lives and with it the joy of service. The tears of the sower, and the song of the reaper will be unknown to them. "Are your affections nailed to the Cross, Is thy heart right with God?" The soldier of the Cross must come to a settlement with God over his heart's affections. Hudson Taylor had to choose between God's call and his fiancée. Lillian Thrasher won the great battle of her youth when she said "Yes" to God's call to Egypt even on the eve of her wedding. What mighty soldiers they became! When C. T. Studd was torn between his call to China and his mother's pleadings to remain at home and serve the Lord he opened his testament and read these heart-searching words: "A man's foes shall be those of his own household." That settled it for him. Another servant of God, who had long resisted his parents' pleadings to stay at home, got as far as the station with his family—all packed up and ready for Africa. The father and mother still pled with him to change his mind; and there, all ready to start, he gave in to them and gave up his call. His life lost its joy, and his service for God in the ministry became barren and fruitless.

"And the officers shall speak further unto the people . . . What man is there that is fearful and fainthearted? Let him go and return to his house lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his own heart." Fear is contagious and one fearful soul can inject fear into the hearts of those about him. He is useless as a soldier and better out of the ranks until he has put on his armor and gotten right with God. One missionary who, on her furlough, was rejoicing in the thought that she had found a recruit for Africa happened to mention about the snakes she had seen there. "Snakes! O never!" The would-be soldier turned back. Snakes looked larger to her than the Almighty God who had made the serpent eat dust in Eden and had put a curse upon him. Neither had she believed His Word in Mark 16: "These signs shall follow them that believe; In my name . . . they shall take up serpents." "Ye shall tread on serpents and scorpions . . . nothing shall by any means hurt you." What an eternal loss her foolish fear cost her!

IT IS MOST INSPIRING to follow God's ways in the making of an intercessor in the book, "Rees Howells—Intercessor," by Norman Grubb. The putting off of the old man covered a period of many years, in fact his span of life. After his conversion, his determination to make money in America was surrendered. Returning to Wales, he went to work as a humble miner. In the evenings he conducted a mission and led souls to Christ. Individuals were laid on his heart for prayer and to meet the challenge he had to show practical concern for their lives. One man who had no faith in God was in debt. Mr. Howells paid his debts and the man was converted seeing Christ's love for him demonstrated through His servant. The worst man in the village was laid on his heart. He had to chum with this tramp, an outcast, and walk the streets with him in his rags and dirt. His keen appetite for food was tested. He learned the secret of fasting. He lived on two meals a day. His pride of appearance and the favor of his fellow men were tested. His expenditures came under rigid control; he could not spend a cent on anything unnecessary. A severe test came when God showed him to give over the leadership of his beloved mission to his assistant while he remained at home to pray. He and his fiancée waited three years to be sure of God's will before they married. When his son was still a small boy, they had to leave him

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OKLAHOMA CAMP MEETING

THE CHURCH OF GOD in Oklahoma met for another great annual camp meeting and state convention August 1-7, at the beautiful state campground just east of Chandler, Oklahoma.

Our respected and loved State Overseer, T. A. Perkins, together with his State Council, his State Youth Director, Roy P. Horton, and special committees, labored hard to have everything in readiness for this great occasion. Long before the opening service—even before the first day—people were arriving and setting up their tents for this great week of spiritual blessings.

It seems that each year we are able to say that this was the greatest camp meeting we ever had, and this year was no exception. The presence of the Lord could be felt in the first service and throughout the camp meeting. The soul-stirring singing, the anointed preaching, the inspiring testimonies, the heart-rending prayers, the love and fellowship of God's people, and the shouts of newly redeemed souls were all present to make these services into a real camp meeting. Much could be said of each service individually, but of course space will not permit that.

Each day began with the "Hour of Prayer" at 6:30 a.m. The prayer service did much toward the success of the entire day. Following this service was the Bible study, which was so ably conducted by Professor R. H. Gause, Jr. of Lee College. During this hour of study and worship, hearts were made hungry to know more about the Word of God. The other services during the day were a real blessing and help to everyone. It was during these services that we were privileged to have some of our Church officials, out-of-state visitors, and some of our state preachers to speak for us. On Tuesday morning we were inspired with a Christ-exalting message from Brother R. Leonard Carroll, President of Lee College. Then in the afternoon service of the same day, we were stirred by a message from Charles W. Conn, Editor-in-Chief of Church of God publications. Some of the other visitors who thrilled and blessed our souls with their messages were: Doyle Stanfield, Kansas State Overseer, B. E. Ellis, Missouri State Overseer; and Ray T. Hill, of Graham, Texas. There were a number of other visiting ministers from Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, and Texas. Visitors from the Apostolic Faith Church of God included Reverend Jack Sullivent, General Overseer, Mrs. A. E. Underwood, and other ministers from this church. Also, there were ministers and members from the Assembly of God, Pentecostal Holiness, Nazarene, Independent Holiness, and other organizations. We appreciated having them and trust that God blessed them while they were with us. The ministers

of our own state seemed to be at their best and each message was crowned with the approval of God's presence.

You should have been in the evening evangelistic services! Brother Ray Hughes, National Youth Director, ably presented a wonderfully anointed message each night. The altar services were climaxed by new souls being redeemed and saints rejoicing.

It was an honor to have J. H. Walker, Jr. with us for the mission service. His message touched and stirred our hearts for the great cause of missions. This service was concluded with a good mission offering, which gave the State of Oklahoma a total of \$8,550 raised this year for missions—a new record.

The L.W.W.B. service was well attended and greatly enjoyed. The program was under the direction of Mrs. T. A. Perkins. An inspiring pantomime was given; trophies were awarded; and a love offering was presented to our State President, Sister Perkins.

We had a great Youth Day under the direction of our good director, Roy P. Horton. It was a treat to have Cecil Bridges represent our Children's Home in this service and the response to the orphanage offering was generous. There were awards given to the two district directors raising the most orphanage money during the past year and a love offering was given to our director, Brother Horton.

The closing service came all too soon. But with the scriptural theme of the camp meeting in mind, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts," Zechariah 4:6; let us go forth to further the gospel of Jesus Christ in the state of Oklahoma.—Publicity Committee.

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OKLAHOMA'S '55 CAMPMEETING, AS I SAW IT

Every part of this camp meeting has been to the point and enjoyed by all, with God's blessings and approval upon it. This I think really makes a camp meeting a Camp Meeting.—O. K. Childers.

This has been an outstanding camp meeting in every way. The inspiring messages have been wonderful.—Floy Kerbo.

The Oklahoma Camp meeting has been one of the greatest that I have attended. It is a great pleasure to work with the good people of Oklahoma.—O. E. Wright.

The greatest campmeeting and convention that I've attended in seventeen years.—R. S. Sullivan.

I have attended Campmeeting every year in Oklahoma

for 27 years and this is one of the best.—R. S. Collins.

Every message and every Bible study was outstanding. Many times I felt a broken spirit that was wonderful.—Mrs. Maggie M. Smith.

The 1955 camp meeting has been the greatest of all the eleven camp meetings that I have attended.—Brother Mackey.

The camp meeting was good for the Holy Ghost was with us. Every service—day and night—blessed me.—Mrs. V. A. Green.

Of all the camp meetings I have attended, this has been the most outstanding in every way.—L. R. Winnegar.

Of the five camp meetings I have attended, this has been the best. Every message was anointed by the Holy

Ghost. I am really a Church of God person.—Eva Toon.

This is a great camp meeting to me. We have had some of the best preaching I ever heard, and the Bible-teaching has been of the very best.—W. W. Yoder.

This camp meeting truly has been a blessed time for me. Our Lord knows and is able to supply our need, and this camp meeting is what my soul needed.—Mrs. Sam Dotson.

We enjoyed each message; in fact, each thing said or done was good. We are happy for the way the Lord has blessed the work here in Oklahoma.—Mrs. E. T. Curt-singer.

The most outstanding thing in this camp meeting in our opinion was the love of the ministers and laity for Brother Perkins and Brother Horton.—R. H. Gause, Sr., Liberty, S. C.

An inspired account of the . . .

WESTERN CANADA CAMP MEETING

ALL TOO QUICKLY the Western Canada Camp Meeting at I. B. C., Outram, Saskatchewan, has become history. Those who were privileged to attend received great spiritual blessings from God and sweet fellowship as brothers and sisters in the Lord.

From the very beginning there was an air of expectancy and earnest seeking for the things of God. As always, God did not disappoint us. The inspiring messages by Bro. Frank Spivey, our night speaker, stirred us to seek the Lord; and the encouraging, instructive messages by Bro. Houston Morehead, our Assistant General Overseer, made us want to do our best in every way for God. Other visiting ministers were: Bro. G. W. Ayers, Overseer of Eastern Canada; Bro. L. E. Painter, Overseer of North and South Dakota; Bro. D. Glover, Principal of the Northwest Bible School, Minot, North Dakota; and Bro. G. C. Grove, Fresno, California, who brought inspiring messages from day to day. We also enjoyed the sermons given by our Western Canadian ministers. Each one encouraged us to attain a higher heights and deeper depths in Christ that we might better witness for Him.

The last great minister to come to us was certainly not the least. Both messages by Bro. Wade Horton, Foreign Missions Field Representative, were informative, yet soul-stirring, challenging messages that aroused us to the need of the hour in the world today. The generous mission offering, which was over \$900, proved that God was speaking to the hearts of His people in a very definite way.

Our Provincial Youth Director, Bro. E. C. Pennington, was a blessing to all in the services, as he arranged the special singing and the special program for Youth Day on

Friday. To see so many young people in the Youth March prior to the evening service was a thrilling sight.

Another special service was the L.W.W.B. program directed on Saturday morning by Sister Pratt, our overseer's wife. All ministers' wives had a part in the service, and Sister David Barsness brought us an encouraging message telling us to do all we can for God with what we have and God will surely bless our efforts.

A daily morning feature was the Bible Class taught by Bro. D. L. Lindsay, President of I. B. C. A goodly number attended these classes and enjoyed the study of the Word of God.

Another morning feature was V.B.S. for the children. They enjoyed the handwork, lessons, and singing taught by May Aslin, Evelyn Guenther, Beverly McMaster, Daphne Lockwood, Frances Olsen, Karen Isley, and Bro. Osborn Cowan. Visiting ministers and singers kindly helped by rendering special singing, stories and object lessons. A lovely program which all enjoyed was brought by the children on Youth night. The highlight of the V.B.S. activities was the picnic just for the children and workers Saturday afternoon. Ice cream, peanuts and marshmallows were welcome treats.

With all the committees working hard and well; with the services so ably arranged and directed by our good overseer, Bro. Wm. H. Pratt; and the rich blessings God so graciously bestowed upon us, we enjoyed a wonderful camp meeting. May we remember the things we have heard and work for Jesus will all our soul, mind, strength, and spirit throughout the coming year.—Sister Chester Roset, Reporter.

TENNESSEE CAMP MEETING HAS SPIRITUAL DEPTH

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to appreciate our Church more through these lectures, and we purposed in our hearts to spread its wings to heights unknown. Surely this book shall solve many problems about our organization and development that every church member has faced. The sale of these books in our Camp Meeting amounted to over \$1,000.00. Brother Conn was also the official representative of our General Executive Committee.

We were honored to have many guests and special visitors. Among these were Zeno C. Tharp, General Overseer; Paul H. Walker, Executive Missions Secretary; Earl P. Paulk, Overseer of Florida; J. H. Walker, Overseer of Ohio; Woodrow C. Byrd, Overseer of Maryland; Floyd W. Goff, Overseer of Illinois; Vessie D. Hargrave, Superintendent of Latin American Missions; Antonio Bonilla, Youth Director of Latin America; Hollis Green, Sunday School and Youth Director of West Virginia; and the Honorable Frank G. Clement, Governor of Tennessee. These men and others added much to the success of our meeting.

The tabernacle overflowed with people; hundreds stood outside, everyone was captivated by the Holy Spirit; the invitation was still lingering, when Brother Ray Hughes said, "It has come to a close, I shall not close this invitation but shall leave it with you for judgement." Thus we found ourselves at the end of the greatest camp meeting in Tennessee. Our hearts are still heavy for the lost, and we still have an intent desire to save them lest they perish.—Clifford V. Bridges, Chairman of Publicity Committee.

I NEED POWER

How D. L. Moody Discovered the Secret of Power

In the years 1873-1875, God, through Moody and Sankey, stirred all Great Britain after the manner of the leaders of The Great Awakening. It is said that in London, more than two and a half million people heard their messages. "In Glasgow alone, at least 7,000 members were added to the churches." It was during the Glasgow meetings that Mr. Moody told how he discovered the secret of power. He says:

"I remember two holy women who used to come to my meetings. It was delightful to see them in the congregation. When I began to preach I could tell by the expression on their faces that they were praying for me. At the close of the Sunday evening services, they would say to me, 'We have been praying for you.'

"I said, 'Why don't you pray for the people?'

"They answered, 'You need power!'

"I need power,' I said to myself, Why, I thought I had power. I had a large Sunday School and the largest congregation in Chicago. There were some conversions at the time. I was, in a sense, satisfied. But right along these two godly women kept praying for me, and their earnest talk about being *anointed* for special service set me thinking.

"I asked them to come and talk with me, and we got down on our knees. They poured out their hearts that I might receive the *anointing*, and the Holy Spirit, and there came a great hunger into my soul. I did not know what it was. I began to pray as I never had before. I really felt that I did not want to live if I could not have this power for service. The hunger increased. I was

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with relatives to answer a call to Africa. After years of fruitful service there, they had to leave their beloved mission and evangelistic work and return to Wales. At each step of the journey, the challenge was greater. Now he was to open a school to train young people for the ministry. God's voice was now so clear that he knew the place and the building that was His choice; so without money Rees Howells began to pray for it. After some years a larger place was necessary. It too became his through the power of intercession. Then a still larger place was shown him, the Lord naming the price He would pay for it—\$300,000. These estates were almost in the hands of the Roman Catholics but intercession claimed them for the work of the gospel. Then God led him to intercede for national affairs during the war. He prayed through for two great victories. The conflict was so great his bodily strength was taxed beyond its limit and while still in his early seventies he answered the last call and went Home. He had fought a good fight with the whole armor of God as his divine equipment.

"Let us wake up before it is too late!" concludes Premier Manning. "Let us realize what it is we are fighting. 'We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against . . . spiritual wickedness in high places!' God is speaking today in one last word of warning to mankind. Let us give ear to His Word. Like Elijah of old, let us go forth and stand upon the mount before the Lord. Though the wind, the earthquake, and the fire rage around us, if we but listen we will hear the still small voice which speaks peace to the nation or the soul that will wait upon the Lord."

praying all the time that God would baptize me with the Holy Spirit.

"Well, one day in the city of New York—Oh, what a day! I cannot describe it; it is almost too sacred an experience to name. Paul had an experience of which he never spoke for fourteen years. I can only say that God revealed Himself to me, and I had such an experience of His love that I asked Him to stay His hand.

"I went to preaching again. The sermons were not different; I did not present any new truths; and yet hundreds were converted. I would not now be placed back where I was before that blessed experience if you gave me all of Glasgow—it would be as the small dust of the balance."

Moody's spiritual transformation made him a channel of spiritual enrichment to the ends of the earth. After this experience, he was a sanctified vessel through and in which the omnipotent Spirit could accomplish His mighty work. Would that every servant of Christ would have such an epochal hour! Do we not need this divine power? A similar Spirit-empowered ministry would shake the world. O God, give us, many more Spirit-baptized workers.

"And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence," Acts 1:4 and 5.

"For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call," Acts 2:39.

—From *The Revival Messenger*, May, 1955

Telegram

BLACKSBURG, S. C.—We are having what is believed to be the greatest revival in the history of our church. In twelve nights we have had 48 saved, 19 sanctified, 14 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 5 added to the church. Numbers have been healed and the church is packed out as the revival continues. The evangelist is James Poe Jackson.—G. W. Cooper, Pastor.

WEIRTON, W. Va.—Recently, we had a good revival with Brother Frank Meadows as the evangelist. Two were saved (one of these was a Catholic), 1 was baptized in water, and 2 were added to the Church. Several testified to being divinely healed. Brother Meadows is a fine young man, a good preacher and musician. Pray for us at Weirton.—H. G. Kiser, Pastor.

TURNERVILLE, Ga.—Recently, we had a wonderful five nights' revival with Brother A. S. Worley as the evangelist. Fifteen were saved, 10 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 1 was added to the Church. Many were healed by the great power of God. The entire Church was blessed in a special way. We appreciate our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Luther Anderson, very much. Any church would be blessed to have Brother Worley come their way.—Mrs. Willard Sanders.

PELZER, S. C.—Brother Doyle R. Zachary has just concluded a wonderful revival at the Church of God in Pelzer with approximately sixty experiences. Also, a number of people were healed during the meeting. Brother Zachary and his family united with the Church in Pelzer after having served the Pentecostal Holiness Church for sixteen years. He felt led of the Lord to unite with us and is ready to conduct revivals wherever the Lord leads. He is a dynamic preacher, full of the Holy Ghost and able to be a blessing to any church. He may be contacted at 156 Bradley Boulevard, Greenville, South Carolina. I certainly recommend him highly.—T. W. Day, Pastor.

MAYODAN, N. C.—We have just had one of the best revivals ever held in the Church of God here. The Lord was with us each night, and it was just like being in a good camp meeting. On several nights God blessed in such a way that the evangelist did not get to preach. Many nights the crowds were larger than the church would accommodate and people had to stand on the outside. The evangelist was Brother Marcus Sizemore from Louisville, Kentucky. He really did some good old-time Holy Ghost



preaching and singing. The church learned to love Brother and Sister Sizemore very much. Twenty-eight were saved, 24 sanctified, 14 filled with the Holy Ghost, 16 added to the church, and 15 baptized in water. When the revival started there were only 15 members in the church and the church gave him \$181.50 in offerings for three weeks. We think this is very good for as small a church as Mayodan. We are getting ready to start building our new church and hope to have it completed by Assembly time. Please pray for us. Any church will be blessed by having this fine young man for a revival. He may be contacted at Lee College, Cleveland, Tennessee.—Jady Wright, Pastor.

McKINNEY, Tex.—Recently, we had a successful two-weeks' revival with Brother Alvis Strickland as the evangelist. God surely did bless the church as well as lost souls. Eleven were saved, 6 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, 6 baptized in water, and 2 added to the Church. We broke all previous Y.P.E. records with an attendance of 85. We are now running 60 in Sunday School attendance. People that have never come to our church before are now coming. We thank God for all he has done for the McKinney Church. Please pray that our church will continue to grow.—J. W. Davis, Pastor.

TESSANTA, N. C.—We truly praise God for a week's revival. God really did bless. Eleven were saved, 9 sanctified, 6 filled with the Holy Ghost, and people were healed by the power of God. Brother Frank Rochester was the evangelist. Our beloved pastor and wife, Brother and Sister E. B. Davenport, helped in a great way. We all appreciate the interest they take in us as a church. The revival spirit is still going. Praise God! The church is still growing in grace and in number.—Helen Anders, Sunday School Secretary.

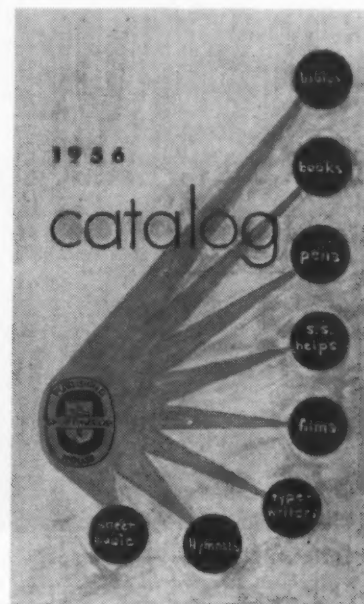
CHESTER, S. C.—Recently, we had a revival conducted by Brother and Sister C. L. Tyree from Huntington, West Virginia. God blessed the church in a wonderful way. Nineteen were saved, 5 sanctified, and 5 filled with the Holy Ghost. For this we give God all the praise. Several people were definitely healed. Brother and Sister Tyree would be a blessing to any church.—A. L. Cabaniss, Clerk.

Telegram

BRUNSWICK, Ga.—We are entering the fifth week of a great revival here. Sixty-two have been saved, 50 sanctified, 24 filled with the Holy Ghost, 28

added to the Church, and 24 baptized in water. Kelland Jeffords of Waresboro, Georgia, is the evangelist.—Charles Clayton, Pastor.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, N. C.—The Church of God at Mountain View, in Marion, North Carolina, which is a new work, was blessed with a glorious three weeks' revival. Sixteen were saved, 20 sanctified, 13 filled with the Holy Ghost, 12 baptized in water, and 6 added to the church; and there are many more prospective members. One night seven seekers were filled with the Holy Ghost Baptism as a flood of glory filled the tent. We had several outstanding healings also. Our pastor, Brother Paul J. Searcy, whom we all appreciate so much, was the evangelist. At the present time we are in a building program.—Ruby Lonon, Clerk.



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MOODY REPORTS HOLY LAND INVASION BY U. S. TOURISTS

Moody Monthly, publication of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, reports that the Holy Land is being invaded by a record-breaking influx of American tourists.

The report says: "Hardly a Christian can be found who does not cherish the desire to travel in the Holy Land with his Bible open on his lap. It is a captivating experience. Last month the vanguard of 50,000 U. S. tourists—twenty-five percent more than last year—left by plane or boat for Israel—most of them having only a scant three weeks in which to "do" the Holy Land; but all were hopeful of capturing some of the romance of walking, literally, in the footsteps of the men and women of the Bible, including their Saviour.

"Most tourists head for Jerusalem which will shortly observe the third millennium of its recorded history—probably the oldest tourist city in the world. It is doubtful, however whether the visitor of antiquity could avail himself of the comfort and convenience which await his modern counterpart. Today's tourist can reach almost any part of the Holy Land by luxury coach or by the newest automobiles traveling over modern highways . . .

"As you read this, one or more of the 46 groups of the 1500 Baptists from the U. S., visiting Jerusalem in conjunction with the Baptist World Alliance Congress, will be reliving Bible history somewhere in the tiny Holy Land . . .

"In exchange for the thrills and excitement of his brief Holy Land visit, the average U. S. tourist will leave \$115 in American money . . .

"But, to most Christians, their Holy Land vacation will be a time of meditation and reconsecration, of renewed determination to become better acquainted with their Bible and with the Saviour of whom it speaks."

Governor Frank G. Clement, of Tennessee, was the chief speaker at the Town Meeting of the Air program which originated at the opening session of the Youth for Christ International convention at Winona Lake, Ind.

The governor remained at the convention following the Town Meeting broadcast and spoke for 40 minutes on "Faith and Courage." He used Psalm 46 as his text and at the conclusion said, "I hope and pray you have the courage tonight to rededicate your life

to Christ or accept Him for the first time as your Saviour." Some 40 persons responded.

CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL OKAYS BIBLE AS LITERATURE

In California, the Bible finally got into the public school system—as literature, but not for religious instruction purposes. So ruled Edmund G. Brown, the State Attorney General.

The ruling was one of several of interpretative nature enunciated in response to requests by the State Board of Education and various district attorneys on California constitutional church-state provisions.

Although public school use of the Bible for religious purposes is prohibited by the State Constitution, Mr. Brown held that the Bible might be used for other purposes.

"Not only may the Bible be discussed in a general way in an appropriate literature class," he said, "but specific passages, because of their eloquence or poetic beauty, may be used for special study, such as the Song of Ruth or Paul's great tribute to charity."

In another opinion Mr. Brown ruled that prayers might not be made part of the public school curriculum.

"It is true that the majority of our people are Christians or Jews, so that simple prayers to a Supreme Being would not be incompatible with the views of most students," he declared. "Nevertheless, even atheists and agnostics are protected in their beliefs by the Constitution . . . In the great ideological struggle in which the world is now engaged enforced conformity of thought is one of the evils against which we fight."

He held further that the State Constitution prohibited the distribution of the Gideon Bible "throughout the school system," although such Bibles may be distributed "to children on their way to and from public schools."

He said that he saw no constitutional objections to the sale or long-term lease of public property for religious purposes, this view being based on the theory that the separation doctrine is "not designed to place religious organizations in an inferior position."

FULLER INSTALLS CARNELL AS YOUNGEST PREXY

Edward John Carnell, 35, reputed to be the youngest seminary president in the U. S., was inaugurated as President of Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena. Present at the ceremony, and obviously pleased at the choice, was founder Dr. Charles E. Fuller, of

the world-wide Old Fashioned Revival Hour radio program. Representatives from 45 educational institutions were also present.

The investiture was accomplished by Dr. Harold John Ockenga, president of the Board of Trustees, pastor of Park Street Church of Boston, and first president of the Seminary. While Dr. Carnell knelt before the assemblage, Ockenga placed a gold medallion bearing the seal of Fuller Seminary and hung by a heavy gold chain about the neck of the one acceding to the office. The dedication prayer was then offered by Professor Wilbur M. Smith.

ALL U. S. CASH TO CARRY "IN GOD WE TRUST" INSCRIPTION

President Eisenhower signed into law on July 12 a bill requiring the inscription "In God We Trust" to be put on all U. S. currency—both bills and coins.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing has already switched to new dies and the first bills bearing the testimony will be in circulation shortly.

Noting that the Bureau was installing new printing equipment, the Senate Banking Committee, in approving the bill, said that it "presents an excellent opportunity to correct an oversight."

CONGRESSWOMAN SCORES HOLLYWOOD'S BIBLE STORIES

Representative Katharine St. George (R.-N.Y.) has inserted in the Congressional Record an article by J. C. Furnas, published in the Christian Herald, and, in connection with it, has commented on the "distorted, inaccurate, and at times quite disgusting interpretations of Bible stories by Hollywood."

"Apart from the revulsion that any informed student of the Bible must feel, from a religious standpoint, the glaring distortions and outright falsehoods make these pictures historically useless and quite absurd," she commented.

A new patriotic hymn, "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag," containing the newly added "under God" statement, is being printed by the Government Printing Office and free copies (words and music) are available by making a request to members of Congress. The new composition was written by Irving Caesar.

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